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(SBU) MFA desk officer for Burma, Jeremie Petite reported that France is in complete agreement with the reftel demarche. France has 3 million dollars (2 million euros) in aid ready to assist victims. As for next steps, the GOF is currently devising a strategy to deal with recent reports that the Burmese regime seized UN aid shipments. While the French have not yet determined how they will react to the seizure of aid, MFA desk officer Jeremie Petite told poloff that he believes France will increase pressure for a Security Council resolution that would allow humanitarian assistance regardless of Burmese objections.

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